

Act No. 71, 1902.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE. **An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to the establishment and endowment of the College for Women within the University of Sydney. [9th September, 1902.]**

BE it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the "Women's College Act, 1902."

Repeal.

2. (1) The Act fifty-third Victoria number ten is hereby repealed.

Officers under Act hereby repealed.

(2) All persons appointed under the Act hereby repealed and holding office at the time of the passing of this Act shall be deemed to have been appointed hereunder.

Rules or by-laws under Act hereby repealed.

(3) All rules or by-laws made under the authority of any Act hereby repealed, and being in force at the time of the passing of this Act, shall be deemed to have been made under the authority of this Act.

Interpretation.

3. In this Act, unless the context or subject-matter otherwise indicates or requires,—

"College" means the College for Women within the University of Sydney;

"Council" means the Council of the Women's College;

"University" means the University of Sydney.

The Council of the Women's College.
53 Vic. No. 10, s. 1.

4. (1) The Council of the Women's College shall continue and be a body corporate under that name and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and by that name may sue and be sued, and take and hold to them and their successors by grant, will, or otherwise in perpetuity, or for any term of life or years, any real or personal property, and may alien or otherwise dispose of or demise the same or any part thereof other than land granted to it as a site for buildings and recreation grounds for the College, and may do all other things incident or appertaining to a body corporate.

(2) There shall be vested in the Council the government in all respects of the College and all matters relating thereto.

Constitution of Council.
Ibid. ss. 4, 7, 8.

5. The said body corporate shall consist of—

(a) twelve elective councillors of whom at least four shall be women, and

(b) two ex-officio councillors as hereinafter mentioned; and

(c) the Principal of the College, who shall also be an ex-officio councillor:

Provided

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Provided that no temporary vacancy in the office of Principal or in the number of councillors shall be deemed in any way to affect the constitution of the Council or its privileges or status as an incorporated body.

6. (1) The said elective councillors shall hold office for a term of five years, but shall be eligible for re-election. Term of office.
53 Vic. No. 10, s. 6.

(2) All casual vacancies by death, resignation, or other cause determined by the by-laws of the Council shall be filled up for the residue only of the term of office held by the councillor in respect of whom any such vacancy has arisen, but the councillor elected to fill any such vacancy shall be eligible for re-election. Casual vacancies.

7. All vacancies in the number of the said elective councillors shall be filled up, in such manner as the Council appoints, by the remaining councillors and such members of the College as are graduates of the University of at least three years standing and of the full age of twenty-one years, and who continue on the books of the College. Election to vacancies.
Ibid. s. 6.

8. The Senate of the University shall from time to time nominate two members of such Senate to be councillors of the College, and such persons so nominated shall be ex-officio councillors during the period for which they are respectively so nominated. Ex-officio councillors.
Ibid. s. 7.

9. Five councillors shall constitute a quorum of the Council, subject to such conditions as to the due convening of meetings as the Council may determine on. Quorum.
Ibid. s. 8.

10. The Chancellor of the University, or, in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor, shall be the Visitor of the College, and shall have the right to visit the College at any time, and with or without some other member of the University Senate, to examine the manner in which it is conducted, and to see that its laws, by-laws, and rules are duly observed and executed, and shall possess all other such powers as by law appertain to the office of Visitor to a College. Visitor.
Ibid. s. 9.

11. The College shall provide residence and domestic supervision for women students of the University of all religious denominations without any distinction whatsoever, together with efficient tutorial assistance in their preparation for the University lectures and examinations. Purposes of College.
Ibid. s. 10.

12. (1) No religious catechism or formulary which is distinctive of any particular denomination shall be taught in the College, and no attempt shall be made to attach students to any particular denomination. Religious instruction
to be
undenominational.
Ibid. s. 11.

(2) Any student shall be excused from attendance upon religious instruction or religious observances on express declaration that she has conscientious objections thereto. Attendance may be
excused.

13. (1) The Principal of the College, who shall be a woman, shall be appointed by the Council, and shall be liable to suspension or removal for sufficient cause by the Council, subject to an appeal to the Visitor. Appointment of
Principal.
Ibid. s. 12.

(2)

Government Savings Bank.

Powers of Principal.

(2) The said Principal shall, subject to the by-laws and rules of the College, and to the direction of the Council, have the general superintendence and control of the students and of the institution.

Endowment for Principal.

53 Vic. No. 10, s. 3.

14. The Colonial Treasurer shall pay under warrants signed by the Governor out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund annually to the College in perpetuity, but upon the conditions set out in sections thirty-eight and thirty-nine of the University and University Colleges Act, 1900, a sum of five hundred pounds for the use of and as salary to the said Principal or in aid of such salary.

Students to be members of the University and attend lectures.

Ibid. s. 13.

15. All students in the College who have not matriculated shall, as soon as practicable, matriculate in the University, and shall continue to be members thereof, and submit to and be subject to the discipline thereof, and shall be required duly to attend the lectures of the University in those subjects, an examination and proficiency in which are required for degrees, with the exception, if thought fit by any such student, of the lectures on ethics, metaphysics, and modern history.

By-laws.

Ibid. s. 14.

16. The Council may make rules and by-laws for carrying the provisions and objects of this Act into effect.

To be laid before Parliament.

Every such rule and by-law shall, within thirty days after being made, be transmitted to the Governor to be by him laid before both Houses of Parliament as soon as conveniently may be.